is required to be reported to the Reserve Bank of India explaining the circumstances relating to such appropriation.

(c) and (d) The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account prepared in accordance with Section 29 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, are required to be audited by a person qualified to be an auditor and in terms of Section 30(3) of the aforesaid Act, the auditor has *inter-alia* to stage in his report that the profit and loss account show a true balance of profit or loss for the period covered by such account.

National Awards to Persons in Medical Profession

1712. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of some professors of Medical Sciences of All India Institute of Medical Sciences or PGIMER, Chandigarh or other Indian Medical doctors and specialists of national or inter-national repute were constidered for grant of national awards for their services in various branches of Medicine or Surgery (such as Cardio Thoracic Surgery) this year on the eve of the Republic Day; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the cases considered and the awards conferred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It would not be in keeping with the high traditions and dignity of the awards to disclose the details of the cases considered for the awards. As for the awards conferred on 26th January, 1989, a complete list of awardees was released to all major newspapers of the country, which could be referred to.

Smuggling of Gold along Kutch and Saurashtra Coast

1713. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sudden spurt in gold smuggling along Kutch and Saurashtra coast recently;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the quantity of smuggled gold confiscated along the above coast during 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) & (c) The quantity and value of gold seized throughout the country and that seized in the jurisdiction of the Customs (Preventive) Collectorate, Gujarat, during 1987, 1988 and 1989 (up to 28-2-1989) are given in the table below: